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SF Leaders Seek Dan White Prosecution

By JAMES K. GRAHAM

Local, state, and federal officials have asked U.S. Attorney General William French Smith to prosecute former San Francisco supervisor Dan White, convicted slayer of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk, under federal civil rights statutes.

Milk's former attorney also says that he has evidence that White shot Milk and Moscone for political reasons and should be prosecuted under U.S. law.

According to sources in the U.S. attorney's office in San Francisco, a decision may be forthcoming soon.

It is illegal under a 1968 civil rights statute to intimidate or interfere with anyone qualifying as a candidate for elective office. Both Moscone and Milk had filed for re-election when White killed them on November 27, 1978.

If tried and found guilty on federal charges, White could be sentenced to life in prison. The Justice Department has until November 27 to make a decision. The five-year statute of limitations on the crime runs out on that day.

White, who is 37, is scheduled for release from Soledad prison January 6. He will have served five years, one month, and 10 days for the double assassination. A sign counting down the days till his release has recently appeared in the Castro district in San Francisco, as have graffiti reading "Who killed Dan White?"

Dan Byrd, White's supervising counselor in prison, has reported that White spends most of his time alone in his jail cell reading Irish folklore and anticipating his release.

In July, the San Francisco County Board of Supervisors passed unanimously a resolution requesting that White be tried on the federal charges of violating the civil rights of the two city leaders. Mayor Diane Feinstein signed the resolution, and late in September sent a personal letter to the Attorney General asking for White's prosecution.

Feinstein said in her letter that "Dan White's crime remains an open wound in this city." She also wrote, "It is clear to me that Dan White perpetrated these tragic killings to prevent the swearing-in of the man destined to replace him on the Board of Supervisors and therefore, to prevent Mayor Moscone from carrying out his official act of appointment."

Earlier in September, Gov. George Deukmejian also wrote to Smith to request federal prosecution of White. And in August, Senator Alan Cranston said that he "strongly supports" an investigation to see if White violated federal law.

Bay Area Congressional Representatives Sala Burton and Barbara Boxer have also appealed to Smith to instigate prosecution of White.

Burton wrote that the light punishment White received as a result of his so-called "Twinkie defense" caused "the integrity of our judicial system" to be "once again ... brought into question."

She continued, "Federal prosecution of Dan White in this matter is not only consistent with the evidence and the federal statute, but is also—in the words of the law—necessary to secure substantial justice."

Boxer's letter said that "common sense" dictated prosecution of White. "The people of the city and county of San Francisco ... have been devasted by the event," Boxer wrote. "I would urge such a prosecution."

On September 28, John Wahl, who was Harvey Milk's attorney, disclosed that he has evidence that the slayings were politically motivated. A declaration by Paul Hardman, former head of the Pride Foundation and publisher of The Voice, says that three days before the shootings White told Hardman that he was "not going to let them (Moscone and Milk) get away" with giving to another organization federal funds that had been promised to Hardman.

Hardman said he had repeated his conversation with White to authorities investigating the assassinations, but was never asked to testify at the trial.

Wahl called the sentence White received "a travesty that cries for vindication."★

National AIDS Vigil Mostly Ignored, But Showed Strength

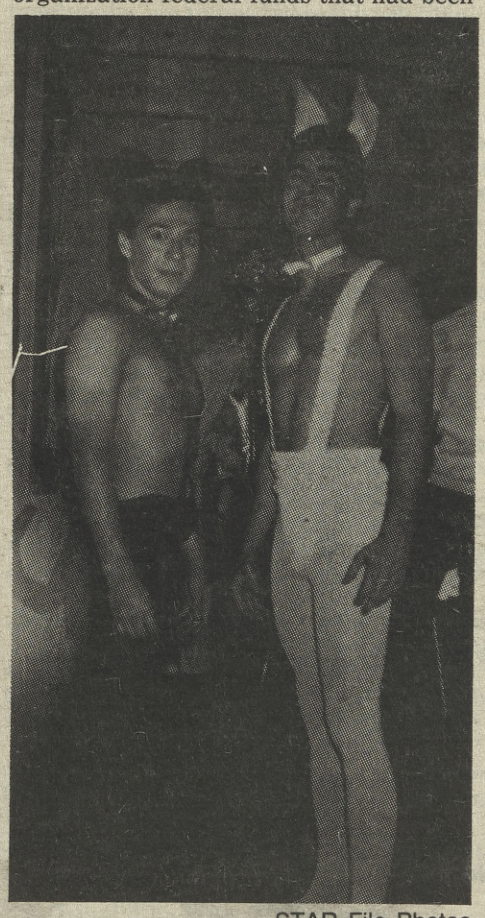
The nation's news media virtually ignored the National AIDS Candlelight Vigil, held October 8 on the Ellipse behind the White House in Washington, D.C. The purpose of the vigil was to commemorate those who have been stricken by AIDS and those who have died from it, and to focus Congressional and public attention on the need for increased efforts to combat AIDS.

About 100 people visited congressional offices October 7 to lobby for more federal research money to fight AIDS, according to The Associated Press.

Mik Walsh, a spokesman for the National AIDS Vigil Commission, said petitions with about 2,500 signatures were presented to Rep. Ted Weiss, D-N.Y. The petitions urged the creation of an independent federal advisory commission on AIDS.

The petitions also demanded federal funds for AIDS research and health care and pressed for a comprehensive bill of rights for patients and a federal statement on patient confidentiality.

Weiss, who supports AIDS research, said Congress blocked a try by the Reagan administration to pay half the $40 million committed to AIDS research in 1984 with funds from other programs.★



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Happy Hallowe'en!

Since Hallowe'en falls on Monday this year, many people are planning three or four nights of festivities, with most of the celebrations set for Sat., Oct. 29. All the bars will have costume contests and other goings-on, and other groups and individuals have planned merrymaking also. See Rick Van Dyke's column on page 6 for more details. Enjoy yourselves, but play safe: don't drive if you've had too much to drink.

SAGA II Will Hear Waddell, Sponsor Fundraising Events

By NORM FROHWEIN

SAGA II (Sacramento Athletic Games Association), an association formed to take Sacramento athletes to the 1986 San Francisco Gay Games, has had an extremely busy month.

Jan Hirneisen, SAGA II Bowling Coordinator, held a no-tap bowling tournament for our first fund-raiser. The top five winners were, in order, Les Hurlburt, Hu Mar, Kim Mar, Clara Tindall, and Norm Frohwein.

The Mercantile's Bobby put on a really great taco feed for SAGA II. Also held at the Mercantile Saloon were the Ugly Duckling Pageant and an S.O.S. breakfast, presented on behalf of SAGA II by Randy and Bill of G.N.I.E.

Due to increased interest, SAGA II will resume open board meetings on the first Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Incredible Edible Restaurant. Dr. Tom Waddell, an Olympic medal winner and founder of the 1982 Gay Games in San Francisco, will be the guest speaker.

Several fund-raising events are planned for the near future. La Kish and Anna Harrison will be presenting a "Farewell to La Kish Auction" at 7 p.m. November 9 at the Mercantile Saloon, with the proceeds to benefit SAGA II and AIDS/KS Foundation. Clara Tindall, SAGA II Golf Coordinator, is planning a golf tournament; watch for dates and details.

Jan Hirneisen, Bowling Coordinator, is planning another bowling tournament, "The Sacramento Scratch Bowling Invitational." The tournament will be at noon on December 17, for five-person (all men or all women) teams that will compete in five scratch games for cash prizes and side pots. Entry fees will be $50 per team, due Dec. 3, and invitations have been sent around the country. Contact Jan at 391-4386, evenings, for more information and reservations.

SAGA II's Board of Directors consists of Norm Frohwein, Kathy Martinez, Linda Garcia, Ernie Brown, Chris Nielsen, Patrick Gaffney, and Mark Harrison. SAGA II's Athletic Coordinators to date are Jan Hirneisen for bowling, Linda "Woody" Wood and Paul Coke for women's and men's softball, Clara Tindall for golf, Kathi McBelt for tennis, and Debbie Belt for swimming and diving.

If you are interested in helping the Board or the sports coordinators or, especially, if you are interested in becoming a participant in the Gay Games, please call Norm at 443-6440.

OPINION

Guest Opinion

Ables' Attitudes Handicap Disabled More

By SHERYL KAPLAN

Disability is an issue that is often overlooked.

One name given to the oppression of disabled people is "able-ism," which is defined as the systematic oppression of a group of people because of what they can or cannot do with their bodies or minds.

More than half of all working-age disabled adults who could work are jobless because of job discrimination and environmental obstacles. Only 29 percent of disabled womyn are employed. This employment figure is inflated because unemployed disabled womyn are often listed as homemakers.

Womyn and disabled people are treated in similar ways by our society, like children and as dependent creatures. Many doctors neglect to provide birth control information to disabled womyn, but over-prescribe drugs. Disabled girls and womyn are systematically raped and abused in residential schools and programs. While non-disabled womyn are considered to be sex objects, disabled womyn are seen as asexual. Disabled womyn are invisible in this society, and we have no role models. We are left out of the womyn's movement.

Language has a great deal of effect on attitudes. Terms such as *birth defects*, *invalid, crippled, afflicted, confined to a wheelchair, deaf mute, disturbed, blink,* and *idiot* correlate to the attitudes that society has of disabled people as being charity cases. Such phraseology serves to reinforce the attitudes of guilt, pity, and fear which are often associated with disability. Language such as *turn a deaf ear, blind to the truth,* and *paralyzed with fear* is offensive to disabled people.

It should come as no surprise, then, considering the above ideology (deviant, diseased, dependent), that disabled people are often isolated. Added to star-studded telethons, adorable poster children, and the pleading of charitable organizations, disabled people are confronted with overwhelming attitudinal barriers in every aspect of their lives.

Oppressive attitudes are more of an obstacle to disabled peoples' full participation in society than physical barriers are. Attitudes are important because they help shape and direct actions. Oppressive attitudes include assumptions, myths, and stereotypes. For example, all disabled people use wheelchairs; developmentally disabled womyn are incapable of being good mothers; disabled people are helpless or, on the other hand, superhuman; and the person and the disability are the same. These attitudes are harmful because they assume certain things about a group of people with no consideration of individual abilities, interests, and differences.

It is important that these myths be cleared up with accurate information. Many people are unaware that they are temporarily able-bodied (TAB). No one is immune from becoming disabled. Like rape, we think it won't happen to us. But disability cuts across all lines of class, race, age, affectional preference, culture, and size. Sometimes it's temporary, but for people in their 40s, the chance of becoming disabled before retirement age is greater than the chance of dying. We all benefit from an accessible environment, as no one is left out and we can all participate in society equally.

It is the responsibility of TABs to make disability an issue that is dealt with, to educate yourselves, and to stop your oppressive behavior, which includes staring at or ignoring disabled people. Access is not a luxury. We can find creative ways to meet our community's needs without spending a fortune, but if money has to be spent, it should be spent. Access means creating an environment in which everyone has the opportunity to participate. It creates choices and equal options.

Limited access is not access. Awareness is a priority. We all fear the unknown, but our fear of disabled people can be unlearned by education and information. Communicate with disabled people and find out what is needed. Learn how you can be an advocate for people with disabilities. Speak up when you are in a situation where people are being left out. Consider how it could be made more accessible for different disabilities.

Do outreach to disabled people and find out how they can be included in your activities. Assistance with transportation, providing interpreters, and availability of braille/taped/large print materials can make the difference. Publicity should include access information, including an address and phone number for further information. Know the resources available in your community.

Wheelchairs need room to zoom. Blind womyn need to have non-verbal behavior described. Interpreters can only interpret one person talking at a time. Physical access alone is not enough to ensure the full inclusion and participation of people with disabilities. Many disabilities are hidden.

All people have some abilities and some handicaps. There are approximately 36 million disabled people in the U.S. Most of us find ways to compensate for our disabilities. Being disabled is a challenge, not a tragedy. It's an inconvenience, something to be worked around (only because our society as a whole is inaccessible). A truly accessible environment is one in which womyn feel safe to recognize, communicate, and accommodate their physical needs. Let's work together to create such an environment for all of us, whatever our needs. ⋆

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AS I HEAR IT

A Rape Of The Spirit

By PHIL HOSKINS

There was something just not right about the five young men hanging around the corner of 20th and J. It was late, or early, depending upon whether you were starting a new Sunday or ending an old Saturday, which we were. Leaving the Wreck Room at 3 a.m. has never presented more of a problem than keeping dry or warm before this, so thoughts of danger were layered over by the sweet promise of the joys of home, bed and companionship.

Nevertheless, the warning lights went on, prompted no doubt by ancient intuitions. We walked a bit faster than usual and did not notice that they were following us until turning down 19th toward K. By then it was too late. The marvel of zoning a formerly residential area into an office ghetto and the bankruptcy of Marbro Commons had produced a city without people, so that our shouts for help fell upon cement walls, long since abandoned by humans.

They brandished a knife in a way that convinced me of their ability of and interest in producing at least some mangling of skin. They circled and divided us so that our only defense was to run to the center of K Street, hoping for a car to come along. One did, but not before Jeff was slugged in the mouth and I parted with a few hard-earned dollars.

In all, we were lucky. No major injuries and only a small loss. But as the hours wore on, the loss became deeper and overwhelming. Gone is my illusion of security. They had ripped away the pretense that I could protect someone I care about. It was a rape of the spirit. Not as devastating as a physical rape, but nevertheless the scars run deep.

Elizabeth Harrison has interviewed a number of us who have had similar experiences. Nearly all occurred within a few blocks of our incident and nearly all involved similar crimes of opportunity. I talked with a police investigator, who confirmed that they know groups of thugs wait outside the 20th Street bars after hours, following us to our cars or homes until we are out of sight of other people. Then we are attacked, robbed and often beaten.

The pattern is clear. The solution is not. I reported the incident to the police. Most of us do not, often for fear of being "forced out" by making a report of where we were, etc. This makes police participation in a solution less likely, because without knowing the dimension of the problem, they are not willing to commit the person-power necessary to deter the crimes.

Assistant Chief Finney, speaking to the River City Business Association on October 10, said that at the time of night when the danger is highest—1 to 4 a.m.—they have only six patrol cars for the entire downtown area. That runs from Alhambra to the Sacramento River, and from 2nd Avenue to the American River. The result, he says, is that they seldom have cars on routine patrol. This means that there is no available police protection for us.

Finney made some common sense suggestions which bear repeating. Do not carry all of your money in your wallet. Hide the largest part of it on you somewhere. Avoid going with strangers to anyplace where you are alone.

A favorite ploy is for an attractive man to hustle one of us and lead us to one or more others who rob, beat and often rape us. Cruising can be dangerous to your health.

The Assistant Chief suggested that we try to walk in pairs or larger groups as another possible safety measure. He also encouraged the mace-device training available at City College. These devices are not totally effective, but they can often give you time to distract the attacker long enough for you to get away.

I feel that despite any or all of these steps, however, we are exposed to a danger from which it is beyond our individual ability to protect ourselves. It is a problem that we all share and there is a vehicle for substantially solving it.

The reason we are there is because there are after-hours activities at the Wreck Room and K Street. While these are a sort of public service—holding tanks for the too-drunk-to-drive set—they are also profit-making businesses.

It is not, in my opinion, too much to ask that these businesses combine to hire a patrol service to operate on weekends from 1 until 4 a.m.

The patrol could cover the several square block area in which we park our cars and thus do much to stop these crimes. The cost would not be great, and from what some members of the City Council and police department say, it might produce after-hours dancing at the K Street.

How about it, Jim and Clay? How about kicking in for the kids? ★

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Women's Softball Team Seeks Funds For Hawaii Tourney

Dear Athletic Supporters:

We are a gay women's softball team representing San Jose USSSA Division. We have been invited to participate in a USSSA tournament in Hawaii over Thanksgiving.

To help finance our trip, we have sponsored many fund raisers including selling T-shirts, car washes, spaghetti dinners, raffles, beer bust, bowl-a-thon, and a gay carnival.

To date our team has raised $5000 but needs an additional $4000 to help cover the cost of everyone's plane fare.

We appeal to the support of our gay friends to help us reach our goal. If you would like to contribute to the Spirits Dream Tournament, please send any contributions to:

Savoy Spirits
c/o Ann Codianne
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Milpitas, CA 95035

Make all checks payable to "Savoy Spirits."

For any further information you are welcome to call the Savoy Bar at (408) 446-0948. Please respond by Nov. 1.

Thank you for your consideration.

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UCD Photo Special to The STAR

Rhesus monkeys at the University of California, Davis, Primate Research Center may provide much-needed clues in the search for the agent that causes AIDS. Researchers at the Primate Center, where the monkeys live in outdoor enclosures, have succeeded in transmitting simian AIDS from infected monkeys to healthy monkeys.

Scientists Make Progress In Search For Monkey AIDS 'Bug'

UC Davis researchers seem to be on he way to isolating the infectious agent that triggers simian AIDS, a disease in lower primates that is similar to human acquired immune deficiency syndrome, The Associated Press reported.

Dr. Roy Hendrickson, a senior veterinarian at the UCD Primate Center, said, "It's a big breakthrough because it gives us a current reproducible model that can help us solve the puzzle to AIDS."

Scientists thus far have not been able to transmit human AIDS to monkeys or other laboratory animals.

However, according to a report published the weekend of October 15-16 in Lancet, the British science journal, researchers at Davis and at the National Institutes of Health have transmitted simian AIDS to healthy rhesus monkeys by injections of fluid and tissue from diseased monkeys. The experiments were recently duplicated by New England researchers.

Hendrickson, one of 12 members of the Davis research team, said it was a big step because it shows that the simian disease is transmissible when taken from a spontaneous situation to the lab.

"We're now racing to determine what the infectious agent is," he said.

Although scientists believe both the human and simian forms of the disease are caused by a virus, none has been isolated.

Last February, the UCD Primate Center reported an outbreak of the disease in a colony of rhesus monkeys, the fourth such spontaneous occurrence at the center since 1969.

Fluid and tissue from two infected monkeys were administered intravenously to four healthy monkeys. Two weeks later, three began exhibiting symptoms of the disease, enlargement of the lymph nodes and spleen.

Three or four months later, the number of red blood particles began to diminish, the monkeys lost weight, developed diarrhea and exhibited signs of anemia.

All those maladies, including rare cancerous skin tumors, are similar to AIDS in humans. Two of the monkeys have died.

"Clearly, from our case definitions, what we produced was the disease," Hendrickson said.

Human AIDS is believed to be transmitted through blood and secretions that might include blood, semen, urine, stool and, possibly, saliva. Hendrickson said it is more likely the rhesus monkeys share the disorder through scratching, biting or otherwise breaking the skin.★

Movies, TV Shows Honored At 3rd Annual Gay Media Awards

The movie "Lianna" and television shows "Cheers" and "Gimme a Break," were among award-winners at the third annual Alliance for Gay Artists Media Awards in Los Angeles, The Associated Press reported.

"Lianna," about a young wife and mother who becomes dissatisfied with her marriage and begins exploring lesbianism, won awards for actresses Linda Griffiths in the title role and for Jane Hallaren as her lover.

"Cheers" won an award for "The Boys in the Bar" episode about an athlete-turned-bar-owner meeting up with a former teammate who is gay.

"The Chief's Gay Evening" episode of "Gimme a Break" was honored for its comical and sensitive look at homosexuality from the perspectives of a younger and an older police officer.

The makers of "Dynasty" were commended for the continuing role of Steven Carrington, a character whose homosexuality was deemed by the Alliance as incidental to the show's storylines.

"He shows that homosexuality is not at the root of his problems," said Loretta Swit, one of the celebrity presenters who passed out the awards before 1,000 people at the Huntington Hartford Theater.

Master of ceremonies was Robert Preston, who received Alliance recognition last year for his portrayal of an aging gay man in "Victor-Victoria." He told the audience the non-competitive awards from the 250-member organization were "to get rid of prejudice (in the entertainment industry) and (to reward those people) who realistically portray homosexuals instead of stereotypes."

"The Phil Donohue Show" was recognized for a third consecutive year, but Donahue was not present to accept the award. Also unable to attend was winner Richard Thomas, who was recognized for his role as a crippled gay man in the PBS and Showtime cable television rendition of the play, "The Fifth of July."

Jeff Daniels, Thomas' lover in the movie, also received an award in absentia.

Another TV movie, "Take Your Best Shot," earned its star Jeffrey Tambor a commendation.

In the theater category, awards went to locally-produced versions of "Cloud Nine," "Diversions and Delights," "Gertrude Stein, Gertrude Stein, Gertrude Stein" and "Last Summer at Bluefish Cove."

Co-master of ceremonies Rita Moreno sang and danced during the awards, which also saluted late playwrights Jane Chambers (who wrote "Last Summer at Bluefish Cove") and Tennessee Williams, for contributing to society's understanding of lesbians and gay men.

Bea Arthur, ex-star of "Maude," honored musical-comedy veteran Vivian Blaine for her work against AIDS.

Fifty percent of the proceeds from the evening were to go to the fight against AIDS, Arthur said.★

Groundbreaking Oct. 29 For First Limited Equity Housing Co-op In Sacramento

Representatives of the Sacramento Housing Development Corporation (SHDC) have set Saturday, October 29, as the date of the groundbreaking ceremony for Sacramento's first limited-equity housing cooperative, the Seventeenth Street Commons (SSC).

Groundbreaking for the housing co-op will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the corner of 17th & O streets, site of the housing co-op. Featured speakers at the groundbreaking will be Assemblyman Phil Isenberg and City Councilwoman Anne Rudin. Following the ceremony, a champagne reception will be hosted by the co-op's members at Luna's, 1414 16th Street.

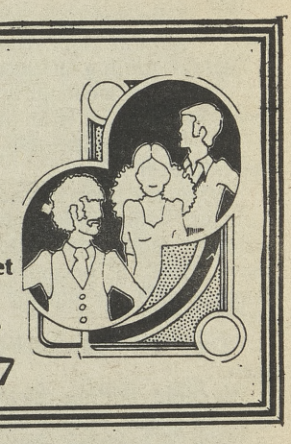
"The development of the Seventeenth Street Commons is a result of the strong grass roots involvement in the co-op by the Sacramento Community," said SSC President David Mogavero.

"With the construction of the Seventeenth Street Commons two goals are accomplished: first, SHDC provides the downtown area affordable, community oriented housing; and second, SHDC establishes itself as a long-term community oriented development entity serving the Sacramento area," Mogavero said.

The Seventeenth Street Commons is the first project of the Sacramento Housing Development Corporation (SHDC). SHDC is a non-profit organization assisting local residents in the development and construction of limited-equity housing cooperatives. Limited equity housing cooperatives are non-profit corporations that provide a means for low and moderate income individuals and families to own their own homes.

A special feature of the Seventeenth Street Commons is the provision of five subsidized low income units for qualified low-income members of the co-op.

SHDC and the lead architects for the SSC project, Mogavero & Associates, were awarded the top prize in the California Office of Appropriate Technology Affordable Housing Competition for the development plan and design of the limited-equity housing co-op.★



Visalia Man Sues Ex-Employer, Was Fired Because He Was Thought To Have AIDS

A gay man filed suit in Visalia for being fired from his job as a hair stylist after his bosses mistakenly concluded he was being treated for AIDS, The Associated Press said.

Raymond Case, who moved from Porterville to San Francisco after his dismissal, has not been diagnosed as having AIDS, his attorney, Steven A. Richter, said Oct. 12.

Case sought $60 million in damages in a suit charging his former employer, Tiara Salon of Porterville, Tulare County and others with slander, misrepresentation and conspiracy.

Tiara Salon's owner and manager discovered Case was gay April 1 and later learned he was receiving treatment at a county-run clinic in Lindsay. The suit charged he was fired after they obtained his medical records from the clinic and concluded he was being treated for AIDS.

The suit accuses the defendants of "an unreasonable intrusion into his personal life" and "an outrageous invasion of the plantiff's privacy."

It says "He and his family have been subjected to constant threats, harassment, public humiliation, obloquy and ridicule."★

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RELIGION

The Assault On Gays, Part 4

Fundamentalist Logic

By TOM RICHARDS

In our first three articles dealing with the fundamentalists' teaching on homosexuality, we discussed their attacks on gays, the fact that the Bible itself does not teach against homosexuality, and the clear refusal of their leaders to search, seek, and believe the very Scriptures they claim to uphold.

Although the fundamentalist position on this subject is repudiated by almost all Christians (including the Bible-believing evangelical camp) the damage these people do by their hate-inspired preaching is catastrophic. To the person in these circles who happens to be homosexually-oriented (and there are many), the message comes across loud and clear: to be gay is an extremely horrible sin, so bad that it is worthy of the severest punishment, such as being stoned to death. And yes, there *are* fundamentalist leaders today who are calling for this very punishment.

Fundamentalist pastor and author Tim LaHaye is one of the masters of the unethical and unchristian attack. When reading his words it becomes clear even to the outsider that LaHaye has little understanding of the subject he is attempting to discuss. His book dealing with homosexuality, originally titled "The Unhappy Gays," is full of distortions, false innuendos, and outright lies. It is apparent that LaHaye approached his subject with his views already formulated and proceeded to twist his findings to fit his own personal beliefs.

That LaHaye will not present currently accepted scientific research, that he takes one bit of evidence and expands it into a universality, and that he refuses to accept and believe what the Bible actually has to say, all speak out loudly against him.

Some of LaHaye's more irrational statements include:

"Moral fidelity among homosexuals is almost unknown."

"...a sexual appetite is built up until the priority in life becomes the sexual experience."

"...they are regularly disinterested in gainful employment—their interest is sex, not work."

"...homosexuality provides only a series of short, meaningless, or hurtful experiences."

"...homosexuals are unquestionably more miserable than straight people."

LaHaye quoting an unnamed psychologist, "...Not every alcoholic is a homosexual, but every homosexual is an alcoholic."

...most homosexuals are the best liars you will ever meet."

"When one takes into account all the heartache and suffering homosexuals cause other innocent people, particularly those who love them most, it becomes quite clear that homosexuals are usually very selfish people."

"They are particularly angry at women...."

We could continue the irresponsible quotations for pages, but the book's tone and spirit can be gauged by the above. LaHaye's diatribe is in sharp contrast to Christian books dealing with the subject. When one exhibits such extreme animosity and hurls such preposterous insinuations toward any group, his methodology and objectiveness is open to question.

It is hard to feel anything but pity for the fundamentalists of the ilk of LaHaye. Adopting such a rigid and anti-everything set of personal beliefs, they cannot experience the happiness and the joys that ordinary people experience. Their lives are daily conflicts with the devil, who is personified in anyone who disagrees ever so slightly with their ideology. The most pitiful thing is that they lay claim to the Bible as their guide for life, when in fact they only distort and twist its message to fit into their own preconceived ideas.

It would also be beneficial if LaHaye were to take a course in basic logic. Throughout his book, he argues that because American homosexuals comprise only 4-6 percent of the population, they are not *normal.* And since they are not normal (because they are a minority), they are wrong and have no right to be heard like other citizens.

Using LaHaye's fascinating logic, we would be forced to point out that, according to public opinion polls, only 6 percent of the American population agree with the goals of the Moral Majority, a group LaHaye helped found. Therefore, since they are clearly in the minority, they are *not normal,* are dangerous, and have no right to be heard.

Going one step further, fundamentalists lay claim to less than 3 percent of the American public. (The Moral Majority is made up of other groups besides fundamentalists.) Since there are quite a bit fewer fundamentalists than gays, the fundamentalists must be *more* abnormal and wrong.

Of course, LaHaye's logic is ridiculous at best, since being a majority or a minority has absolutely nothing to do with rights as an American citizen or acceptance in God's eyes.

LaHaye's teaching, however ludicrous, is dangerous when believed. On countless occasions teenagers have sat in my office and poured their hearts out to me because of their parents' involvement in fundamentalism. One 15-year-old girl was beaten by her mother on more than one occasion because she merely talked to the boys in the Christian school where I was an administrator. Another fundamentalist pastor was arrested and convicted along with three other church members for forcibly beating a woman to rid her of the devil.

I could continue my accounts concerning fundamentalism, but let me make it clear that I will not use LaHaye's logic in doing so. For example, just because a 15-year-old girl, presumably straight, sat in my office and was unhappy about a home situation, do I have a right to conclude that all 15-year-old straight girls are unhappy? Or do I expand the generality and interpret this to mean that all teenagers are unhappy at home and therefore the home should be done away with?

No, this is very stupid reasoning, but it is the same reasoning that pervades LaHaye's thinking. When one homosexual tells him he is unhappy, what is LaHaye's conclusion? When one man, apparently homosexual, commits a crime, what is LaHaye's response? Luckily, a thinking person has no trouble seeing through LaHaye's feeble attempts at smear tactics.

The damage fundamentalism causes is apparent to those in a counselling ministry of any kind, but particularly to those in Christian counselling. Heartbreak, hatred, divorce, and suicide follow in the wake of fundamentalist teaching. When a group is always preaching hatred and negativism, it is hard for its members to live a full and happy life. In my years of counselling (most of them within the church), I don't think I've ever seen a happy fundamentalist.

If LaHaye and other fundamentalists were objective in their comments we would not have to speak out against them. In their treatment of almost every issue of the day they refuse to be fair, objective, or even scriptural. Even when challenged, they will not study and read the Bible, to which they pledge such unfailing allegiance.

They have a few proof texts, usually taken out of context, and they will stick with these texts rather than search and investigate to become more informed. Unfortunately, there are ways to twist the Bible around (especially by taking it out of context) and the fundamentalists lead the list of offenders in this regard.

Evangelical authors Letha Scanzoni and Virginia Ramey Mollenkott take the emerging Christian view when they write that the Bible does not speak out against homosexual relationships. In writing about campaigns against gays in their book "Is the Homosexual My Neighbor?" they address the issue of the fundamentalist attack:

"And we feel sure that the Christian community would be shocked indeed to learn that some of the most repeated attacks on homosexuality are coming from people who themselves engage secretly in homosexual practices...In any case of strong anti-homosexual feelings, one may suspect conflict at some level."

The fundamentalist position of hatred is becoming more and more difficult to defend in light of Biblical research, psychological evaluation, and scientific inquiry. Prejudices the fundamentalist camp has built up and nurtured over the years are falling in light of the insurmountable wall of evidence against its position. The sincere among this group, after searching the Bible itself, are being forced out of the movement because they choose to align themselves with God and not with man.

But what of the fundamentalist leaders themselves? Their words would be funny if they didn't do so much damage. Jerry Falwell has been quoted as saying: "...so-called gay folks (would) just as soon kill you as look at you."

It's hard to believe that *anyone* in modern day America could believe a statement like this. But, unfortunately, they do. And until the oppression and hatred engendered by remarks of this type are fully eradicated, we will and we must keep speaking out against them. ★

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Gay Synagogue In Los Angeles Hires Woman As Rabbi

A decade ago, Temple Beth Chayim Chadashim carved itself a unique niche, setting itself up as a gay synagogue. Now it has hired its first rabbi—a woman.

"Most of the time, I forget that it is in any way unusual," part-time Rabbi Janet Marder says of her West Los Angeles synagogue that was served for the previous 10 years by rabbinical students.

She adds, "My job, as I discovered, was to walk a tightrope — to please everyone."

A 1979 graduate of Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles, Marder is one of about 65 female rabbis in the U.S. Her husband, Shelly, is a part-time rabbi at a synagogue in Long Beach, and they decided if each of them them had part-time rabbinical jobs it would permit them to time to care for their 3-month-old daughter.

When she applied for the job at the gay synagogue, Marder said, she was asked how she would feel when people confuse the rabbi of a gay congregation with a gay rabbi.

"Well, I don't consider that the worst insult you could throw at someone," she replied.

Temple Beth Chayim Chadashim claims to have been the nation's first gay synagogue. Since it was founded in 1973, several more have been established, including congregations in San Francisco and Miami.

The Jewish scripture, the Talmud, says homosexuality is a capital crime, and Marder is reluctant to condone the sexual preferences of the 140 members of her congregation.

But she adds, "As a Reformed Jew, I am free to adopt those portions of the Bible and the Talmud that I choose."

She says her congregation is "very traditional, much more traditional than your average Reformed synagogue." ★

Gay Mormon Group Organizes In Sacto

Sacramento's newest gay support group is an organization called Transition. This new organization focuses on the needs of gay Latter-day Saints (Mormons), their families, friends, and sympathizers.

Meetings are held on the first and third Sundays from 6-9 p.m. First Sunday meetings include a speaker or presentation plus open discussion. Third Sunday meetings include a potluck plus open discussion.

For details, write to Transition, 3030B Q Street, Suite #215, Sacramento, CA 95816, or call (916) 965-5084 or 443-2532. ★

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Photo Special to The STAR by Irene Young

Cris Williamson and Tret Fure join forces for a concert in Sacramento on Friday, October 28 at Hiram Johnson High School Auditorium. On their current national tour celebrating the release of Williamson's seventh album, "Portrait," singer/guitarist Fure adds her contemporary rock sound to Williamson's musical magic.

Cris Williamson Concert

Re-emerging from behind her soundboard and role as sound engineer, Tret Fure joins Cris Williamson in a double bill national tour with a stop in Sacramento on October 28.

Cris' musical magic coupled with Tret's contemporary rock sound promises an evening of unique variety, celebrating the release of her 7th and newest album, "Portrait," on the Olivia label.

Cris Williamson will perform in concert with singer/guitarist Tret Fure and band members Cam Davis, Carrie Barton and Novi on Friday, October 28, in Hiram Johnson High School Auditorium, 1400 65th Street. The concert begins at 8:30 p.m. and is sponsored by the Palms Public Playhouse in Davis and Lioness Books in Sacramento.

Tickets are $9.50 and are available from Lioness Books, all Tower Posters Sacramento locations and Barney's Music in Davis. For more information call Lioness Books at 442-4657.

Cris' first album, "The Changer and the Changed," has sold more than 150,000 copies, making it one of the most successful LPs ever produced by an independent label. Williamson's following has continued to grow, and more than a third of a million copies of her albums have been sold.

Born in the hills of South Dakota, Williamson was heavily influenced as a child by the powerful mysticism of the Sioux Universe. When her family finally "moved into town," Cris began study of voice and piano. Williamson is a rare talent, vocalist, pianist, guitarist, lyricist, composer and storyteller, unafraid to incorporate pressing questions about the human condition and the state of the Earth into her music.★

Meg Christian Shows Reviewer What She'd Been Missing

Reviewed by JOAN DERRICK

I didn't know what I was missing. Saturday evening, October 8, I heard Meg Christian in concert with Diane Lindsay. Now I know what I'd been missing.

The opening song, "From the Heart," is from Meg's upcoming release, also called "From the Heart." As I listened to the first song I knew I was going to love the rest of the evening.

The audience was intent as they listened to "Turning It Over" and "I wish you well"; joined in, singing softly as Meg gave them an oldie, "Moonriver," on the harmonica; and cheered as she did a revival of a '60s tune, "Does your mother know about me?"

The lyrics touched the audience as they laughed, and cried and sighed with each song.

Meg is the co-founder of Olivia Records, the country's largest and oldest women's recording company.

Her upcoming plans include a fifth album release slated for early 1984. That doesn't seem nearly soon enough. I'm anxious to hear again some of the fine music from last Saturday.

Meanwhile I'll enjoy the other four albums that so many of you have been listening to all these years. I didn't know what I was missing.

The Meg Christian-Diane Lindsay concert at Luther Burbank High School auditorium was presented by the 13th Far West Regional Conference on Women and the Law, and sponsored by the McGeorge School of Law Women's Caucus and the Lambda Law Students Association.★

Current Old Eagle Theatre Production Is 'Beyond Therapy'—A Zany New Satire

"Beyond Therapy," by Christopher Durang, directed by Mirian Gray-Duffy, is being presented by the Old Eagle Theatre, 925 Front Street, Old Sacramento, on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 through November 12.

"Beyond Therapy" deals with the improbable courtship of Prudence and Bruce, the two typically offbeat New Yorkers who meet through a "personals" ad in Christopher Durang's zany new satire.

Prudence is 30-ish, lonely and "wants someone to protect her." Bruce is hardly the man for it: he is given to unprovoked crying bursts, and lives with his jealous male lover. By the end of their first meeting, Bruce thinks he and Prudence should commit themselves to everlasting love and marriage; Prudence thinks Bruce should just be committed.

They both consult their psychotherapists about the problem. Stuart, Prudence's therapist and former lover, is furious at the idea of her having a relationship with Bruce—sex, he insists, ought to remain in a "therapeutic" context. Bruce's shrink, Charlotte, simply hugs her stuffed dog and confuses words like "porpoise" with "patient."

Ticket prices are $6 general and $4 students/seniors. Tickets are available at the EMPAC box office, 1419 H Street, or phone 443-6722.★

Sac Opera Presents 'Tosca' Nov. 11-13

Giacomo Puccini's opera "Tosca," the first production of the Sacramento Opera Association's 1983-84 season, will be performed at the Community Center Theatre November 11 and 13.

Soprano Jacqueline Victorino, soloist with the Sacramento, San Francisco and Oakland Symphonies, will be featured in the lead of Floria Tosca. Victorino appeared in the local production of "La Boheme" two years ago.

John Duykers, tenor, will sing the role of *Mario Cavardossi, the painter whom Tosca* loves. Duykers has appeared regularly with San Francisco Opera and its affiliates. A frequent soloist, he appears with symphony orchestras throughout the United States and Europe.

Baritone Hernan Pelayo of South America will perform the part of the villain, Baron Scarpia. His professional experience includes numerous concerts and opera all over the world.

Musical Director Monroe Kanouse will conduct the Sacramento Symphony in the local production. Kanouse had his early experience with the San Francisco Opera's group of companies. In 1970, he was the first recipient of the Kurt Herbert Adler Award. In 1981, he became the permanent conductor for the Oakland Opera. His Sacramento credits include "The Medium," "La Boheme," "Carmen," and "The Barber of Seville."

Other members of the cast include Brian Gardner, Daniel Grimm, Kenneth Johnson, and Donald Foley.

Two performances of "Tosca" will be given: Friday, November 11, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, November 13, at 2 p.m. For ticket information, contact the Community Center Box Office, 446-5181.★

Kicks Will Play At La Semilla Hallowe'en Party October 29

Kicks, a rising star in Sacramento's entertainment galaxy, will spark a festive Halloween Dance and Costume Party to benefit La Semilla Cultural Center, Friday, October 29, starting at 8 p.m.

Kicks, as the name implies, specializes in producing high energy, highly danceable pop rock and rock and roll. Their repertoire includes some of the most memorable and exciting rock hits of the last 25 years, along with an injection of their own progressive and very danceable original tunes.

One dollar off the $4 admission price is the inducement for coming in costume. La Semilla, a haven for artists, musicians, poets, actors, radicals, and miscellaneous fringe elements, is the perfect place to spawn a zany and inscrutable array of costumes. And La Semilla, with its huge dance floor and non-sexist, non-commercial ambiance, is also the perfect place for singles, couples, and triads to dance.

La Semilla, a center for grassroots political organizing and alternative cultural presentations, is located at 312 20th Street, in downtown Sacramento.★

Bilingual Puppet Show October 22

Gato Colorado, a bilingual puppet theatre, will be performing at the La Semilla Cultural Center, 312 20th Street, on Saturday, October 22, at 3 p.m. The bilingual-bicultural puppet show reflects the Mexican as well as the American cultural heritage.

Gato Colorado is a professional puppet production which has been in existence for the past 9 years. They have received numerous awards and have appeared on educational programs such as *Progresso* and *Villa Allegre.*

The show will feature marionettes as well as hand puppets in a special Halloween production. Admission will be only $1 ($2 for adults unaccompanied by a child).★

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ITEMS

How Do You Do?

By RICK VAN DYKE

Well, back to the old grind. I enjoyed a wonderful vacation in San Francisco with friends, but of course it's great to be back home. The news from The City is that the wonderful play "**Torch Song Trilogy**" has had its run extended through November 13. It's at the new Theatre on the Square, in the restored former Elks Club building on Post Street near Union Square. Though the play, which is actually three one-act plays, runs almost four hours, it is so involving, so true to life, and so splendidly acted that one hardly notices the time. It is one of those rare productions that you really must see. So save up your pennies, make your reservations, and go.

If you're looking for new taste treats while in The City, let me recommend two restaurants, one new and innovative, the other older and more traditional. New and innovative is **Mango Bay,** 298 Gough Street at Fell, serving "innovative South Pacific cuisine." That is, traditional dishes from the Philippines, such as adobo and puchero and coconut flan, prepared and served with the finesse and flair of contemporary culinary practice. The results are are truly a delight to all the senses: sight, smell, taste, touch, and (well, I don't suppose you can hear food). Prices are reasonable, the staff is friendly and attentive without being obsequious, and the decor is unique and attractive. Older and more traditional is **El Meson,** 1333 Columbus Avenue near The Cannery, one of the few places serving authentic Spanish cuisine in San Francisco. Downstairs at the bar, you can drink fino sherry and nibble tapas; upstairs in the light, multi-level dining room, you can feast on paella, prawns in garlic, and robust Spanish wine. Portions are generous, service is good, and the cooking is excellent.

Coming back down to earth, it looks like the hottest news in good old River City these days is the run-off election for Mayor. Driving around town, it's interesting to note all the "Relles for Mayor" signs on the new office building developements. Looks like **Anne Rudin's** 12 years of city government experience and committment to the civic good of all the people haven't convinced the big-bucks developers as much as **Ross Relles'** total inexperience in government and relative ignorance of civic issues. Do they know something we don't?

Rick Van Dyke

Also on the political front, the **River City Democratic Club** is holding a $25-a-head dinner at the **K Street** on Monday, October 24, to benefit its endorsement fund. The candidates RCDC is endorsing—**Anne Rudin, Tim Howe,** and **Grantland Johnson**—will be on hand as guests of honor. Reservations for dinner are required by October 21; call RCDC at 456-2420 or 443-2543.

Calling all "chocoholics"! Sacramento's first all-day chocolate tasting event, **Chocolate Sunday,** is scheduled for Sunday, October 23, from 11 a.m. till 6 p.m. at the Bateson Building, 1600 9th St. According to the press release, "dozens of chocolate producers will be providing samples of their gourmet chocolate specialties." There'll also be cooking demonstrations, a chocolate dessert judging, many door prizes, and more. Adult tickets are $6 and the proceeds benefit the **Sacramento Symphony.**

Sacramento Athletic Games Association (SAGA II—the group organizing our community's participation in the second Gay Olympics in S.F. in 1986) announces **A Love Match.** This will be a fund-raising tennis tournament on Tuesday evening, October 25, at 6 o'clock in Howe Park, at Howe Ave. and Cottage Way across from K-Mart. To enter, mail your $2 donation along with your name, address, and phone number to SAGA Tennis, 800 Bell Air Drive, Sacramento 95822. For info, call 443-0568.

Raza del Ambiente will meet Tuesday, October 25, at 7:30 p.m. All gay and lesbian Latinos and Native Americans are invited to come to the meeting, get acquainted, and get involved. The group's recent art auction raised $363 and was a fun evening. They've scheduled a **Hallowe'en/Dia de los Muertos party** for Saturday, Oct. 29, at 8:30 p.m., too. Call **Xavier** in Davis at 456-1942 or **Chica** at 444-6371 for more information about Raza del Ambiente.

Dignity/Sacramento's annual **Hallowe'en Party,** set for Saturday, October 29, will be a benefit for the **Gay Spousal Rights Legal Fund.** The party, in the St. Francis Social Hall at 25th and K Streets, will begin with a buffet at 7 p.m., followed by dancing and entertainment at 9. Tickets, available at St. Francis Church, 1112 26th Street (phone 443-8084 or 443-8939), cost $5. There's a $1 rebate at the door if you come in costume. The Least Appropriate, Most Colorful, Tackiest, and Ghouliest costumes will receive awards. There will be a Gong Award too, plus door prizes.

If you want to escape the general weirdness for one night of the Hallowe'en weekend, you can go hear young American guitarist **Eliot Fisk** perform Vivaldi's *Concerto in D Minor* and Rodrigo's *Concierto De Aranjuez* with the **Sacramento Symphony.** Also on the program: Mozart's *Symphony No. 40* and Ravel's *Daphnis et Chloe Suite No. 2.* **Carter Nice** conducts Saturday at 8:30 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m., and Monday at 8 p.m. in the Community Center Theatre. Call 973-0300 for ticket info.

Motorists interested in measuring their contribution to the smog that hangs heavily over Sacramento this time of year can get a **free auto exhaust emission check** at the Arden Fair parking lot from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29. In addition to smog checks, the **Clean Air Day** events will include vehicle safety checks and lung function tests. It's all free, sponsored by the **American Lung Association of Sacramento-Emigrant Trails,** the **Sacramento County Office of Education,** the **Sacramento County Air Pollution Control District,** the **Automotive Service Councils of California,** and the **California Bureau of Automotive Repair.**

Another Hallowe'en party on the 29th is **KVMR Radio's** fourth annual **Fright Night** at the **American Victorian Museum** in Nevada City. Dance to the sounds of **Killing Time** from 9 p.m. till 1 a.m. for only $4 if you're in costume ($5 if you're not). Proceeds go to help keep KVMR's commercial-free programming on the air.

I was sorry to miss the barbeque **Dr. Harvey Thompson** recently threw for his partner, **Dr. Sandy Pomerantz,** to celebrate the second anniversary of Sandy's arrival in Sacramento. The word is that it was a fabulous affair. More important, though, is that it was a chance to say thanks for all the dedicated hard work **Sandy** and **Harvey** have done for our community. Being a physician is a job requiring total committment. You can't just shut the office door at 5 o'clock and call it a day, because you're dealing with people and their lives and loves and hopes. River City is indeed lucky to have these men here, and we should let them know more often how much we think of them.

Advice for the uptight from **Miss Manners' Guide to Excruciatingly Correct Behavior:** Someone asked what he/she should say when introduced to a homosexual couple. Miss Manners' reply: "How do you do? How do you do?"★

Parents Convention Supports "Our Gay Kids' Rights"

Over one hundred delegates, representing Parents of Gays groups nationwide, convened at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City over Columbus Day Weekend for the Second Annual Convention of Parents FLAG, the national Federation of Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

Representatives from New York, Houston, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Seattle, Jacksonville, Boston, Minneapolis, Denver, and other communities attended workshops, met with government officials, and discussed strategies for combatting prejudice against their gay sons and daughters in the year ahead.

New York Mayor Edward I. Koch, Congressman Ted Weiss, and Virginia Apuzzo, Director of the National Gay Task Force, were the featured speakers at the Parents FLAG Banquet at the Roosevelt Hotel Ballroom Oct. 9. The banquet capped the 1983 convention and celebrated the 10th anniversary of the first Parents of Gays group, New York City Parents of Lesbians and Gay Men.

Adele Starr, President of Parents FLAG, stated, "The Parents FLAG Convention will send a clear message to our nation's lawmakers that we will not tolerate compounding the tragedy of AIDS by reversing any of the advances made for our children's civil rights."

"Our convention has three goals," convention coordinator Amy Ashworth explained. "First, workshops in such areas as fundraising, counseling new parents, running discussion groups, public speaking, and the special problems of gay teenagers. Second, strengthening the network of Parents FLAG groups as an effective national organization dedicated to educating society and ending prejudice against our children. And third, increasing the public's awareness of our organization and the special role parents can play in the movement for gay rights."

Since 1973, Parents of Gays has multiplied into more than 80 groups across the country. Their first convention, held in Los Angeles in 1982, followed the formation the previous year of the national Federation of Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays—Parents FLAG.

Though primarily oriented toward helping individual families understand and accept their gay children, Parents FLAG is strongly committed to educating the public at large on the subject of homosexuality.

"Our children want full rights in their pursuit of happiness, now," said Mrs. Starr. "They want equal protection under the law, now. They, and we, will not settle for less."

New York attorney Richard Ashworth, President of New York Parents of Lesbians and Gay Men, stated, "Unlike many other minority groups, gay men and women cannot automatically count on the support of their own families in their fight for human rights. It is time for the world to realize that we Parents of Gays will support our children openly and fight for their rights."★

AIDS Seminar To Be Given At American River College Oct. 27

A public seminar entitled "Myth vs. Reality:Facts about Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome" will be held at noon Thursday, Oct. 27, in Room 160, Raef Hall, American River College, 4700 College Oak Drive.

This seminar is sponsored by the A.R.C. Gay Student Union and the Sacramento chapter of the AIDS/KS Foundation.

The speaker at this seminar will be Sandy Pomerantz, M.D., co-medical director of the Sacramento chapter, AIDS/KS Foundation, and co-medical director of the AIDS clinic at UCD Medical Center. Dr. Pomerantz will discuss the medical facts regarding treatment, transmission, and prevention of AIDS. Those in attendance will be encouraged to ask questions they might have about this disease.

For further information about this seminar, please contact Sherri Jordan at 457-1703.★

Parents FLAG Sends Letters To Dorms, Nursing Schools

The Federation of Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (Parents FLAG) has completed a mass mailing to University Dormitory Directors at 1700 universities around the U.S.A. and also to Nursing School Directors at 2650 nursing schools around the country.

"Over a period of several months, it has come to our attention that there is a certain amount of homophobia and insensitivity to gay and lesbian persons on the part of some staff and students in the dorms on campuses. The same kind of situation exists in the nursing schools and hospitals in attitudes towards patients who happen to be gay," states Adele Starr, President of Parents FLAG.

Parents FLAG hopes that these mailings will "help change attitudes towards our gay sons and lesbian daughters."

Each packet contains a cover letter and two "About Our Children" booklets. This booklet dispels myths and raises public consciousness. More than 350,000 of the booklets have been distributed.

The federation is made up of parent groups and contacts throughout the nation. There are helplines to help parents communicate with their gay and lesbian children. A Speakers Bureau is maintained to change attitudes in the community at large.★

CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 19

★ The STAR is published.

★ Rap group for the "Worried Well." Led by Tom Richardson and Jackson Peyton. AIDS/KS Foundation office, 2115 J St., Suite 3. 7:30 p.m. For info, call 448-AIDS.

★ Sacramento Men's Collective business meeting. La Semilla, 312 20th St. 7:30 p.m. Call 441-1959 for information.

★ Sacramento NOW chapter meeting. "How to Cope with Discriminatory Questions During a Job Interview." Sierra II Community Room. 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 20

★ Volleyball for men and women. Sponsored by Our River City Family. $2.50 facilities fee. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information. Sacramento City College Women's Gym. 7-11 p.m.

★ Support group for women facing major life changes. Sponsored by Women Changing Direction. First Sacramento Women's Building, 2224 J St. child care available by prior arrangement. For information call 444-8050. 7 to 9 p.m.

★ Class: Color and Design for Textile and Fiber Artists. Taught by Maria Winkler. For fee and registration information call 442-9225 or 685-9644. Sponsored by Sacramento Center for the Textile Arts. Room 11, Sierra II, 2791 24th St. 7-9:30 p.m.

Friday, October 21

★ River City Democratic Club meeting and potluck. Senior Citizens Center, 27th & J St. 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 23

★ Worship Service. Young people's rap & social hour afterwards. River City Metropolitan Community Church, 2741 34th St. 454-4762. 11 a.m.

★ Chrysalis Neighborhood Church worship service. 3700 Y Street. 6 p.m. 736-0113 or 453-0791 for information.

Monday, October 24

★ CSUS Lesbian & Gay People's Union open rap group. Miwok Room, University Union, CSUS. 7 p.m. Call Paul, 446-1171, for information.

★ River City Democratic Club dinner honoring Anne Rudin, Tim Howe, and Grantland Johnson. $25, reservations required by October 21; call 456-2420 or 443-2543. K Street, 2000 K St. No-host cocktails 6:25 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 25

★ Capital City Squares. Downstairs banquet room, Carousel Restaurant, Arden Fair Mall. 7 p.m.

★ Rap group for people with Lymph Node Syndrome and CMV. Led by Kristine Belnap and Jackson Peyton. AIDS/KS Foundation office, 2115 J St., Suite 3. 7:30 p.m. To register, call 448-AIDS.

★ Raza del Ambiente general meeting. Latino/Native American lesbians and gay men invited. Call Chica at 444-6371 for more information. 717 18th Street. 7:30 p.m.

★ SAGA II Tennis Tournament. Fundraiser for Sacramento Athletic Games Association. Beginners and SAGA supporters welcome. $2 donation. Howe Avenue Park, Howe at Cottage Way. 6 p.m. Send donation, name, address, and phone number to SAGA Tennis, 800 Bell Air Drive, Sacramento 95822. For more information, call 443-0568.

Wednesday, October 26

★ Deadline for The STAR.

★ Rap group for the "Worried Well." Led by Tom Richardson and Jackson Peyton. AIDS/KS Foundation office, 2115 J St., Suite 3. 7:30 p.m. For info, call 448-AIDS.

Thursday, October 27

★ River City Business Association Board of Directors. Incredible Edible. 6 p.m.

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★ Sacramento NOW Pizza and Postal Politics letter-writing party. Call 921-2835 for information and directions. 5:30-7:30 p.m.

★ Class: Color and Design for Textile and Fiber Artists. Taught by Maria Winkler. For fee and registration information call 442-9225 or 685-9644. Sponsored by Sacramento Center for the Textile Arts. Room 11, Sierra II, 2791 24th St. 7-9:30 p.m.

Friday, October 28

★ Davis Gay Task Force Potluck. 7:30 p.m. Call 758-2110 for place.

Saturday, October 29

★ Hallowe'en Party sponsored by Dignity/Sacramento. Buffet at 7 p.m. Entertainment, dancing at 9 p.m. Benefit for Gay Spousal Rights Fund. $5, $1 rebate if in costume. St. Francis Social Hall, 25th & K St.

★ Dia de los Muertos/Hallowe'en Party sponsored by Raza del Ambiente. 8:30 p.m. Call Xavier in Davis at 456-1942 or Chica at 444-6371 for more information.

Sunday, October 30

★ Worship Service. Young people's rap & social hour afterwards. River City Metropolitan Community Church, 2741 34th St. 454-4762. 11 a.m.

★ Chrysalis Neighborhood Church worship service. 3700 Y Street. 6 p.m. 736-0113 or 453-0791 for information.

Monday, October 31

★ American River College lesbian/gay students group, "Man to Man, Woman to Woman." Room D-401, Davies Hall. 1-2 p.m.

★ CSUS Lesbian & Gay People's Union open rap group. Miwok Room, University Union, CSUS. 7 p.m. Call Paul, 446-1171, for information.

Tuesday, November 1

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Physicians For Human Rights Develop AIDS Guidelines

There has been a great deal of misinformation concerning the transmission of AIDS. As a result, the following guidelines were developed as general recommendations for the gay community. These guidelines are the consensus of the Physicians for Human Rights groups in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego.

Anyone who would like more specific information is encouraged to contact the Sacramento Chapter of the AIDS/KS Foundation at 448-AIDS.

GUIDELINES FOR THE GAY POPULATION

AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases can be prevented!

AIDS cannot be transmitted by social contact. The evidence points toward transmission in sexual contact or by injection into the blood.

RECOMMENDATIONS to prevent transmission:

1. Reduce the number of different sexual contacts: know the health status of a contact.
2. Shower before and after sex: maintain good personal cleanliness.
3. Use condoms: particularly during rectal intercourse to protect against sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).
4. Avoid ingestion of semen, urine or fecal matter: all of which can transmit infections.
5. Avoid fisting or foreign objects: inserted into the rectum, they can damage the lining, which is one of the body's natural defenses against infection.
6. Keep your head clear: drugs impair your judgment; needles and injection of drugs transmit infections.
7. Take better care of yourself: good nutrition, plenty of rest, stress reduction and exercise can contribute to your healthy life.

AIDS mimics many diseases, including common illnesses like cold or the flu. AIDS *cannot* be diagnosed by laboratory tests alone. Contact a knowledgeable health-care provider if you have any of the symptoms of AIDS or other STDs.★

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'The AIDS Epidemic': Accurate, Complete, But Too Technical

"The AIDS Epidemic," edited by Kevin M. Cahill, M.D. St. Martin's Press. Paperbound.

Reviewed by SANDY POMERANTZ, M.D. Co-Medical Director, Sacramento Chapter, AIDS/KS Foundation

The year 1983 has seen a plethora of written material published about the acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

All the major newspapers/journals in the U.S. and elsewhere written by and/or for gay men and lesbians have had basic reviews and updates about AIDS. These have provided accurate, non-hysterical information for high risk individuals—particularly for sexually active gay men with multiple partners.

In the first half or so of 1983, the major public media—namely radio, television, newspapers, and news magazines also sporadically scooped the medical journals with occasionally excellent, but all too often sensational and sometimes irresponsible reviews. In fact, for a while it seemed like every week or two some banner headline pronounced some new breakthrough or discovery, all too often in language which fueled phobic concerns of the general public—about gay men in general (homophobia) and AIDS itself (disease-o-phobia).

In the last few months, entire books or major sections of them directed toward gay men and other high risk individuals and their health care providers have appeared. These in general have been highly accurate in detail with strking striking covers to catch the eye.

One of the latest books to appear is *The AIDS Epidemic*, a compendium derived from a symposium held at the Lennox Hill Hospital in New York City in the spring of 1983. Like the symposium, the book is essentially a well-organized series of addresses given by major clinicians, researchers, and public health physicians.

It begins with two moving chapters, one by Terrence Cardinal Cooke (who recently died of leukemia and who on other issues had been less than supportive) and one by Edward I. Koch, Mayor of New York City. It ends with a stirring call for a greater Federal response to "what may be the greatest health peril since polio" by Theodore Weiss, U.S. Representative from New York's 17th Congressional District. Sandwiched between these are chapters that span virtually every aspect of the "story of AIDS"—its evolution, national epidemiology (the pattern of spread of this disease), local tracking in New York City, the disease in non-gay high risk groups (past and present IV drug abusers, natives of Haiti recently immigrated to the United States and present residents of that isle itself, people with hemophilia, recipients of multiple blood transfusions, the sexual partners and offspring of persons with AIDS). Also covered are the immunologic aberrations of AIDS and the plethora of diseases which appear as the sequelae of these defects (namely Kaposi's Sarcoma, Pneumocystis Carinil Pneumonia, other opportunistic infections, and other cancers associated with the epidemic).

Concluding the chapters on the various diseases falling under the rubric of AIDS are two cogent essays on the process of identifying the causal agent(s) and the general direction of medical research in the development of effective treatment—whether it be immunologic reconstruction or a preventive vaccine.

So far, excellent! Well written, well organized, and proceeding in a logical progression, the book, nevertheless, has some major drawbacks. The chapters devoted to the immunologic aberration(s) and those which address the variety of cancer(s) and infections are too complex for an audience not versed in the (foreign) language of medicine—a criticism I direct at my own reviews as well.

The difficulty stems from the complexity of the immune deficiency itself—even physicians familiar with the language have trouble understanding the complexity of immune system function and dysfunction. How, then, can the "experts" convey this information to the general public or high risk individuals in meaningful ways? I do not know the solution to this dilemma, but it remains problematic.

Unfortunately, I find this volume—though accurate, complete as of early 1983, and very often both inspirational and paradoxically frightening—to be wanting on this very same issue.★

Cop Flees Burglary Victim With AIDS

A Denver policeman taking a burglary report panicked, began yelling, then ran when he learned he was talking with a person who has AIDS, The Associated Press reported.

"From the time I got up off the couch until I got to the door to explain that he was in no danger, he was gone," according to Henry Pena, the burglary victim. "He must've gotten in his police car and burned rubber."

Pena said the officer's reaction was "totally uncalled for," but Patrolman Kevin Boyd, 30, disagreed.

"Yes, I left in a hurry," Boyd said. "I don't know much about AIDS, but I do know that it's a highly contagious disease and a fatal disease."

Taking a report about Pena's missing $400 ring "wasn't worth dying over," Boyd said.

The incident — which has Pena upset and Denver Manager of Safety John Simonet concerned — reflects a nationwide fear that has been building since the first case of acquired immune deficiency syndrome was reported in 1981.★

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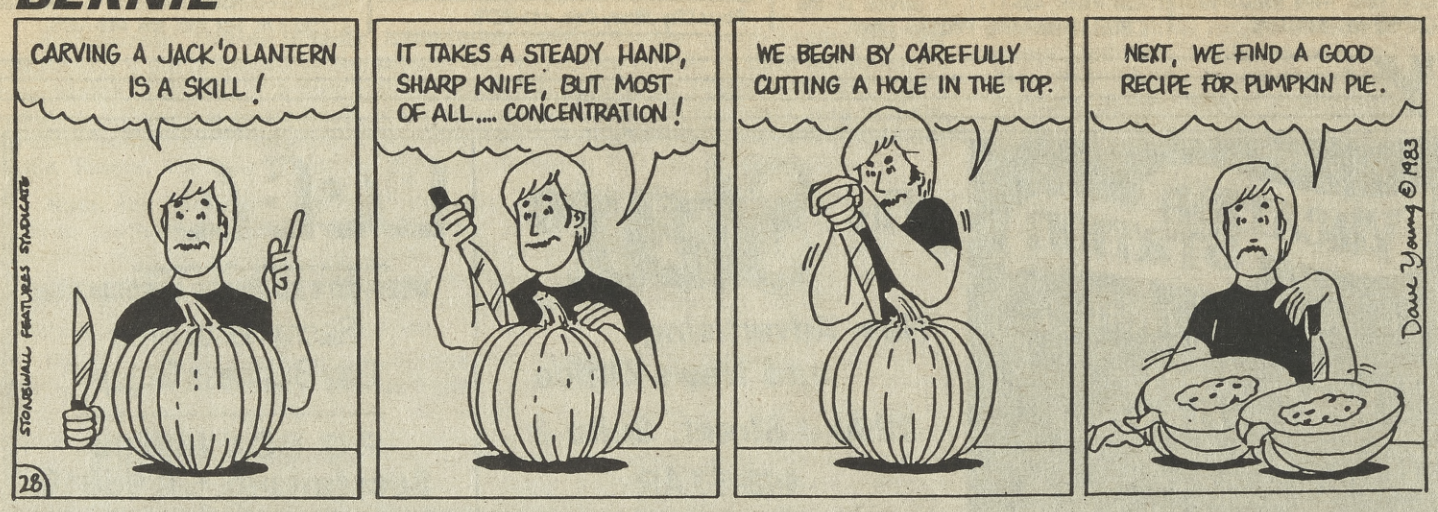
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